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SUSPECT ARRESTED IN SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Saturday, February 16, 2019, at approximately 12:11 a.m., the City of Riverside's Public Safety Communications Center received calls of a shooting that just occurred at a local bar in the 3200 block of Iowa Avenue in Riverside. Officers from the University Neighborhood Enhancement Team quickly arrived and found the suspect being held down by the establishment's security team. He was identified as the shooter and taken into custody.

The officers' investigation determined the suspect approached the front of the business attempting to go in. He was denied entry by security and started an altercation outside. During the physical altercation, the suspect pulled out a knife and stabbed the security member. A second security member assisted and also sustained stab wounds from the suspect. The suspect then produced a firearm and shot at the first security member. At some point, he fired a gunshot toward the second security member but also missed. Security team members were then able to detain the suspect on the ground until officers arrived, and disarmed him of the knife and firearm. They also



located a second firearm on the suspect. Fortunately, no one was struck by the suspect's gunfire.

Both security team members were treated at the scene by the Riverside Fire Department and transported to local hospitals with non-life threatening injuries.

Officers located surveillance video and evidence of the shooting. They collected both loaded firearms, a single loaded magazine, knife, and suspected illegal narcotics from the suspect's possession. Hugo Cesar Garciao, 32-years-old of Moreno Valley, was arrested and taken to a local hospital for medical clearance. He was later booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center for attempted murder, weapons violations, and narcotics violations. He is currently being held pending one million dollars bail.

This investigation is still ongoing and there are no other details available at this time. Anyone with information is asked to contact Officer Richard Glover of the University Neighborhood Enhancement Team at (951) 827-UNET (8638) or rglover@riversideca.gov. Those wishing to remain anonymous can email rpdtips@riversideca.gov or utilize the Riverside Police Department's mobile app "Submit a Tip" feature while referencing incident number 190005251.

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